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Commanders Column

By Col. James B. Roberts Jr.
Commander, 914 AW

WHY DO WE SERVE?

Summer is racing by and some days I think I might have missed it. (61 degrees July 15) It is usually the best season for taking time out with family, maybe even a vacation or day on the lake. I was thinking of each of you and wondering what inspires you to make the sacrifices that you do. I am sure our answers would be varied, but my guess is the common theme would be family and a hope for the future. Our spouses, children, family and our way of life are worth fighting for and protecting.

Last month I watched the coverage of President Reagan's funeral. It was a brief rest from the steady diet of tragic news we normally get from the 24/7 media coverage. Every person spoke of the President's optimism, his character, his vision for America, and his unshakeable faith in God. His vision of the future was not dark and cloudy, but bright and full of hope. As I listened to each journalist and correspondent, I remembered that throughout his two terms in office, he was criticized daily for almost everything he did. Thankfully, his strength of character was tested in the crucible of adversity and it was found sufficient. He held firm to see the Berlin Wall come down; the communist regime crumbled with it; over a dozen nations were freed after 60 years of repression; the US and the world economy began their long recovery. Most important, he was able to briefly glimpse that "city on a hill" that could once again provide hope and encouragement to a despairing world.

Sadly, this vision cannot be sustained by wishing and hoping. It takes strong, decisive, and committed action. The greatness of America, and the freedoms we enjoy have always been expensive. As a matter of fact, they require the full measure of commitment by those who would pass the vision on to the next generation. There are still those in our own country and around the world who have a darker vision of the world. A pessimistic view that cannot see the light. Their aim in life is not energized by hope, faith, or love, but rather by power, anger, jealousy, bitterness, and despair. In the extreme, they are so driven by these deadly motives they are willing to pay the ultimate price to keep others from seeing their dreams come true. And this is why we serve.

We offer ourselves today, for a brighter tomorrow. This choice has been made by many before us, and it has never been easy. Each of us must decide if the sacrifice is worth it. I am thinking of some of our great leaders: Patrick Henry said "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"; at the Jefferson Memorial you can read this: "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man"; Lincoln, speaking after the bloodiest war in US history (over 400,000 casualties) tried to answer why. So our nation "Shall have a new birth of freedom" ... "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth"; Martin Luther King Jr. had a beautiful dream for America that he dedicated his life to fulfill. The hope for a nation where a man was judged "by the content of his character and not the color of his skin."

We may not be as eloquent as the statesmen, but we have, like them, "pledged our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor" in support of the American dream. That dream is that men and women could raise their families in relative freedom from the tyranny of governments, state ordered religions, or any other group of people that would take away our liberty.

A fair look at where we have come from, to where we are, declares to the world that while far from perfect, our system of government has allowed the greatest growth of individual freedom and prosperity for a larger percentage of the population than any other in all of recorded history. Just a few facts from 100 years ago in this country: In 1903 there were 140 miles of paved road; only 6% of the population had graduated from high school, the average life expectancy was 47, 95% of all births took place at home; 14% of the homes had a bath in the home.

We have come a long way! The joy is in the journey. I pray you can see the road ahead and that it is leading to a better tomorrow and a happier place. Thank-you again for your dedication, your service, and your commitment to the dream. God bless you and I hope to see you at the **airshow**, family activities and other events this summer.



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On the cover: Senator Hillary Clinton (Senate Armed Services Committee) visited Niagara ARS to discuss issues affecting Guard and Reserve members recalled to active duty. Some of the topics included health care concerns, employer support, and quality of life programs and facilities. The Senator also had an opportunity to meet with the 914th aircrew members who transported her fact finding team throughout the Southwest Asia Theatre. Senator Clinton was also briefed on the missions of both flying wings at Niagara as well as the role the base assumes in homeland security operations along the border. (Photo by TSgt. Kevin Nichols)

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The Hotline will be used for problems, issues, suggestions and or ideas that have a wing-wide impact. All senders will remain anonymous and issues having wing-wide impact will be addressed in Commander's Call or future additions of this paper unless requested otherwise.

General Bradley receives third star

WASHINGTON – After officially pinning on his third star, Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley formally became chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command during Pentagon ceremonies June 30.

Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presided at General Bradley's promotion from major general to lieutenant general. Minutes later Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, officiated at General Bradley's assumption of command ceremony.

"I am truly honored to be named chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command," said General Bradley. "With great pride I accept command of the outstanding men and women of AFRC. Our talented and dedicated Air Force reservists have faced many new challenges since Sept. 11. Many of them have been mobilized and separated from their families, enduring hardships not normally associated with traditional reservists' duties. They are an inspiration to us all."

In his new capacity, he is a member of the Air Staff and principal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff on Air Force Reserve matters. As AFRC commander, General Bradley is responsible for the supervision of all Air Force Reserve units around the world. The command has about 75,800 reservists who play an integral role in our national defense and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat.

"The Air Force can't do our job without the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard," said General Jumper. "Air Force reservists bring invaluable talent from the commercial world."

General Bradley's previous assignments included assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters from December 2002 until his Senate confirmation June 24. From March 2002 to December 2002 he was deputy commander of Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations, U.S. Space Command, Arlington, Va.

He commanded the Air Force Reserve's 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, from February 1998 to March 2002. In that capacity, he was responsible for the command's fighter, bomber, special operations, combat search and rescue, pilot training, and space operations.

Also, General Bradley has commanded a fighter training squadron, fighter group and fighter wing. He is a command pilot with more than 6,800 flying hours in T-38, A-37, A-10, F-4 and F-16 aircraft. As a fighter pilot, he flew 337 combat missions in Vietnam. (AFRC News Service)

COOKIE'S CAREER CORNER

By SMSgt. Robert Cook
914th Airlift Wing Career Advisor

This month's article deals with a retirement issue. What do I do when I retire with my Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI)? I am sure many of you prospective retirees are not sure what your options are. Here are some general informational guidelines to follow when you separate or retire from military service. You have 120 days of free coverage of SGLI insurance upon your separation or retirement from military service. Within this time frame you can convert your SGLI to VGLI (Veterans Group Life Insurance). VGLI is a program of post-separation insurance, which provides for the conversion of SGLI to VGLI in 5-year renewable term insurance periods. Members with full-time SGLI coverage are eligible to apply for VGLI upon release from service. To obtain VGLI, an eligible member must submit an application to the Office of SGLI with the required premium during the 120 days following separation. An application can still be submitted up to one year after SGLI coverage terminates, however, during that period, evidence of good health must be submitted. VGLI is issued in multiples of \$10,000 up to \$250,000, but not for more than the amount of SGLI the member had in force at their time of separation from service. VGLI premiums are based upon the separating member's age. The following website will give you more information on VGLI.

www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/VGLI/VGLI.htm

If you don't have access to a computer you can always write to the following address for general information about government insurance:

Office of Servicemens' Group Life Insurance
290 West Mount Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

The following address is for New VGLI applications:

OSGLI
P O BOX 5000
Millville, New Jersey 08332-9928

NYS offers Persian Gulf veterans tuition assistance

By SMSgt. Anthony Basile
914th Airlift Wing Education and Training

Persian Gulf Veterans Tuition Assistance Awards provide up to \$1,000 per semester for full time students or \$500 per semester for part time students. Persian Gulf Veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree granting institution or an approved vocational training program in New York State.

Eligibility: Have served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the hostilities that occurred in the Persian Gulf between 2 Aug 1990 and 30 Nov 1995, or in the hostilities occurring in the Persian Gulf beginning on or after March 19, 2003.

How to Establish Eligibility: Get a Persian Gulf Veterans Tuition Award Supplement from a school or college financial aid office, a veterans' office, or by contacting HESC. Individuals may call 1-888-NYS-HESC (1-888-697-4372) and follow the prompts for the "Scholarship Unit". **Eligibility needs to be established on or before 1 September 2004.**

Additional Information: Reserve members also eligible for the Reserve Federal Tuition Assistance Program may use both State and Federal Programs at the same time.

For additional information members may contact the Wing Education and Training Office at ext 2186/2183.

VOTE 2004

The Installation Voting Assistance Officers are:

Primary: Neil E. Nolf, 914th Public Affairs Officer;

Alternate: Patricia A. Jarmuz, 914th Wing Executive Officer.

Voter registration and absentee ballots are available in the public affairs office, extension 2136, starting the August UTA.

Niagara Wins two 1st Place awards in Fire Competition

By MSgt. Peter Borys
914th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It's a hot summer day in the Midwest. 60lbs of gear, adrenaline pumping and sweat rolling down your face and body. That's what some of Team Niagara experienced at the 2004 Firefighter Skills Competition held at Grissom ARB, Indiana. The competition was held for a week at the end of June through July. Eight teams from Dobbins, Homestead, Billy Mitchell, Westover, Grissom, Youngstown, March and Niagara competed in many events such as Search & Rescue, Make & Break, Quick Attack and others.

The Niagara Team consisted of: Team Captain, Dave Bauman; Ricardo Bush, Joe Foucha, John McDonald, George Pitt and Justin Joyce. Additional personnel Chief Ed McDonald, one of the competition judges and Assistant Chief John Dymes and MSgt. Jeff Snaza were on hand to assist and coordinate logistical support.

The team started out with a few glitches the first day, but were determined to remain positive. The next day turned the tide by winning first place in the Essential Firefighter Skills event. They then took 1st place in the Quick Attack competition as well.

Fire Chief Ed McDonald was visibly pleased and said "Even though the team members worked very hard and achieved these awards, it's really the whole fire department that continues to work together as a team. I'm very proud to be associated with such an outstanding team as the one we have here at Niagara."

Lt. Col. Mounts, 914 MSG Commander, was also on hand during the competition and said "The firefighter competition is a great way for our guys to practice their craft that simulate real conditions as much as possible without all the danger. We have a very strong team who did well. A key point to remember while doing these events, "speed is not always your friend". There is not a great deal of difference in the skills of the teams, but those who won are those who worked together the best and made the fewest mistakes.

Overall the team finished in 4th place in the semi-annual competition.



Fire Team members put in a full day of exhaustive events.



With adrenaline pumping, Team Niagara members rescue a 165 lb dummy during the search and rescue event.

Thanks for the memories Chuck!



Photo By: SSgt. Jeff Fitch

Chuck Nagel receives recognition from Lt. Col. Mike Mounts for his 36-plus years of service in aircraft maintenance and readiness on-base. His retirement was effective 1 July.



Senator Clinton reunites with crewmembers who flew her on missions in the Iraqi Theatre. L to R: SMSgt. Gary Zawodzinski, MSgt. Ted Balbierz, Sen. Clinton, TSgt. Tim Shotwell, 1Lt. Tom Tryon, Maj. Frank Amodeo. (Photo by TSgt. Kevin Nichols)

Man on the street

MSgt. Joseph Cyran

"How did you prepare for your first PT assessment?"



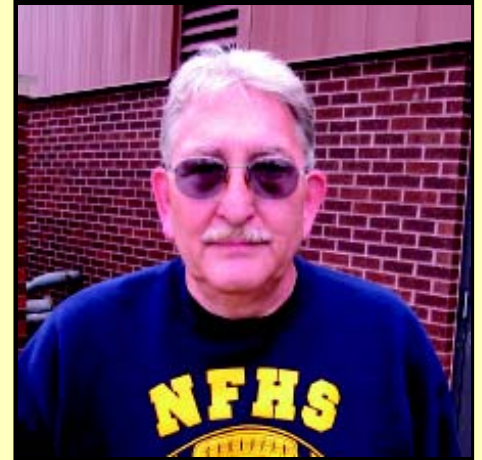
SrA Joseph Gallagher - 914 MXS

"I'm employed in a metal working plant and I do a lot of physical work which requires plenty of lifting and bending. When I get home I like to go for a walk."



SSgt. Wayne Boundy - 914 MXS

"I spent my time in the gym working out and I did some running."



MSgt. Fred Barlow - 914 MOF

"I increased my walking and I was being a little more selective in what I ate."



Above left: Larry Norton from local radio station 97 Rock presents Colonel James Roberts, commander of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, with a check donation to benefit deployed military members and their families.

97 Rock along with local business sponsors and sports celebrities held several benefit events and a picnic for military families of all the recently deployed units in Western New York.



Pictured above right: four members of the 1-108th INF Company A 3rd Platoon (USARNG) pose with the Buffalo Jills. L to R: SPC Frank Gell, SPC Paul Baker, SSG Matt Austin, SGT Fred Goldacker. These soldiers have served on active duty supporting base security forces this year. (Photos by TSgt. Kevin Nichols)

Air Force Climate Survey results are in

The results of the first ever Air Force wide Climate Survey have been sent to Niagara. If you remember, this was started last fall in 2003 while many of us were deployed. This was probably the busiest year in the history of this wing. Besides the activation and multiple deployments of our folks from Ops, MX, Services, Comm, Aerial Port, Security, Medical, and others, we changed our wing commander, served in our community, and participated in numerous inspections from the HQ. Even with all that, over 25% of the wing responded to the survey, which included reservists, civilians, and active duty. The survey came back with exceptionally positive remarks in nearly every area for the 914AW. Here are just a few of the topics and the percentage of positive replies:

The Job, 95%; Unit Performance, 93%; Job Satisfaction, 88%; Core values, 87%; Teamwork, 87%; and Training, 85%. These are very high and reflect the wing's character under pressure. There are a few places like unit flexibility and recognition that were rated high, but can provide some opportunity for improvement. The wing HRDC group will look into those questions with more scrutiny. We are not going to make changes for the sake of change, but continuous improvement is a hallmark of great organizations. All commanders will be given the results and are encouraged to discuss them with their unit members. After the UCI, we can all concentrate on shaping the wing for the future. Thanks to all who participated in this Climate Survey at home and those who were deployed. Your efforts were received and appreciated.

Deserving Airman Commissioning Program position open

The 30APS/CC is announcing an open position for the Deserving Airman Commissioning (DAC) Program. The position is located in the 30th Aerial Port Squadron as a Logistics Readiness Officer. Please review the position description from AFMAN 36-2105 page 159 for additional position information.

An application may be obtained from the Career Enhancement Office. All packages must be submitted to Career Enhancement by the close of business on Sunday of the Sept UTA. If more than one member has applied, a board will convene and a selection recommendation will be made to the unit commander.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (LTC) John R. Gaglione
914th Airlift Wing

The Chapel Resource Library for Family Life is now available for your use. Books dealing with such topics as: Peacemaking for Families, Answers for Anxiety, Forming Intimate Relationships, Depression, Healing for Troubled Marriages, Divorce, Grieving and Forgiveness are just a few of the books available. Also, Our Daily Bread, a booklet of personal and family devotions, is available to take home with you.

The Library is located in the Chapel. To borrow a book, please follow the instructions posted. Please remember that the Chapel Staff is available to assist you in any way possible. If need be, Chaplain Harris and I can be reached 24/7 by contacting Security. Also, remember that you can speak to a Chaplain knowing that it is completely confidential.

Potential candidates must meet the following prerequisites at the time the board convenes:

- Must be a US citizen
- Must be medically qualified
- Must have a baccalaureate or higher degree (see AFMAN 36-2105 page 161)
- Must be under 34 and ½ years of age (Note: Members must be able to attend a 6 week course and be commissioned prior to age 35)
- Must have taken the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT). If not -call SMSgt Anthony Basile at (716) 236-2186 to schedule ASAP.

Any questions or concerns regarding the above listed vacancy or the DAC Program can be directed to the 914 MSF/DPMSC at extension 236-2193.

The **Niagara Falls Honor Guard** is looking for new members and all interested should look for more information on the soon-to-come HG web page. Also, there will be an information/sign-up meeting held in the base dining facility building 506 at 1500 hours on Saturday of the Sep 04 UTA.

Sexual Assaults

By SSgt. Christopher La Scala
914th ASTS Life Skills Support Section

In 1996, Air Force officials were startled by reports that the suicide rates of its service members were increasing. This led to concentrated efforts to assess the problem and reduce its incidence. Today, the Air Force is equally concerned with the rising problem of sexual assaults.

According to an awareness preventive PowerPoint presentation retrieved on <https://www.cnet.navy.mil/cnet/gmt/gmt03/3-3.ppt>, Sexual assault is "one of the most serious and fastest growing violent crimes in the United States," and is defined as "sexual intimacy forced or threatened on one person by another." Forms of sexual assault include rape, assault with intent to commit rape or sodomy, indecent assault and forcible sodomy."

In February, Dale Eisman of the Virginian-Pilot reported that since September 11th, more than 100 deployed female service members had been sexually assaulted, "and at least some of those women, victim advocates say, have gotten little counseling or medical treatment after being attacked or have been subjected to reprisal when they reported an attack."

According to an article in the March issue of the Air Force Times, Pacific Air Forces Commander General William J. Begert, formed a 20-man team to investigate the extent of this problem in his command. His investigation, which began after the Air Force Academy sex scandal, revealed that 98 cases of sexual assault had been reported since May, 2001. As a result, AF headquarters is currently helping the major commands to maximize the effectiveness of their "sexual assault response programs."

In the future, Air Force members can expect more sexual assault education and prevention training as well as improved treatment programs for sexual assault victims. However, there are a few things we can all do today to work towards the goal of eliminating this problem.

First, know that the Air Force will not tolerate sexual assaults, will investigate all complaints, and will prosecute to the fullest extent possible, all substantiated charges.

Second, recognize that victims of sexual assault may experience physical trauma, depression, severe forms of anxiety, and that some or all of these problems may last a lifetime.

Third, know that almost all reported AF sexual assaults have involved service members that the victim knew.

Fourth, alcohol use oftentimes accompanies sexual assaults. We must remind ourselves to use it responsibly.

Fifth, avail yourself to the many resources available to you at Life Skills. These resources include referrals and preventive programs that deal with issues such as promoting consent, preventing coercion, negotiating difficult boundaries and coping with closeness and distance in relationships.

Let us continue to be proactive in preventing the problem of sexual assault within our ranks.

Information Assurance Today

By Gary Broderick

Information Assurance Manager

We thought with the end of the Cold War that the threat to the United States for the most part had ended. As we've found out over the past few years, the threat, though in a different form is still there. Arguably, Muslim Fundamentalism in the guise of Al-Qaeda is our most dangerous threat today. Please make no mistake, Islam is an honorable religion that has been twisted by some of its adherents on the fringes, just as Christianity has had its low points in history: The Crusades, The Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials, Abortion Clinic bombings as just a few examples.

The things that make our society the richest and greatest society in the history of this world are considered weaknesses to be exploited by our enemies. Freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of movement are all rights we take for granted-these rights also allow our enemies easier access to our society and to the information they need to plan attacks against us.

The easiest way to protect your family, friends and way of life is to deny information to our enemies. The easiest way to do this is.....using common sense. You as a member of our base family have information that is important to those that would attack our country-this information could be as big as the exact loads of materials being transported on a C-130, scheduling information, Operations Plans contents to things as small as your USERID and password-which can be used to access our 'closed' network and mine sensitive or operationally significant information.

A few important steps can be the difference between an attack happening or not happening-if the airport security folks had found the box cutters on 9/11 would the towers still be there? It's the little things that make the difference. If you are in an open environment, don't discuss the details of what you do, what you know, etc. about what's happening on base. If you're on a cell phone, never discuss classified or sensitive information, the same goes for a telephone or a radio. If someone asks you for information about the base, refer them to Public Affairs-if they persist, don't give them information-instead, contact our regional OSI office at DSN 578-3935.

As a reminder all personnel with computer access are required to complete the "USAF Information Assurance Awareness 2004" Computer Based Training (CBT) course located at www.smartforce.com by the end of FY 04 (30 September 2004). This course will give you the keys to keep data and our networks secure and deny information to those that wish us harm. Failure to complete this course by 30 Sep 04 may result in network access being terminated. Our recommendation is not to wait until the last minute, we encourage you to take it now.

VACANCIES

The 914th has approximately 20 vacant positions, both civilian and ART. Vacancies that will be advertised this month are listed below. The AFRC Webpage for viewing job announcements and applying is located at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil <<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>> or www.afrc.af.mil/jobs <<http://www.afrc.af.mil/jobs>> (for ART positions). The rules for applying for civil service positions can be complicated and/or confusing, so if you or someone you know is interested they should contact the Civilian Personnel Office at 236-2218.

Anti-terrorism Officer, GS-080-12
Accountant, GS-510-9 potential 11
Admin.Support Tech. (ART), GS-303-05
Aircraft Mechanic (ART), WG-8852-11
Aircraft Engine Mechanic (ART), WG-8602-10
Executive Officer (ART), GS-301-9 potent. 11
Supervisory Resource Management Specialist, GS-301-11
Supervisory Security Guard (ART), GS-085-8
Police Officer, GS-083-6

Command announces 914 ASTS best in command

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command announced AFRC's medical awards June 4, recognizing the top individuals and units in the command for 2003.

The following aeromedical squadrons received unit awards:

Aeromedical staging squadron (100-bed) – 914th ASTS, Niagara Falls IAPARS, N.Y.;

C-130 mission – 911th AES, Pittsburgh IAPARS, Pa.;

Mobile aeromedical evacuation staging facility – 439th AES Westover ARB;

Other than C-130 mission – 445th AES, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Other medical unit awards are:

Medical squadron and detachment with expeditionary medical support – 433rd MDS, Lackland AFB;

Spotlight



Photo By: MSgt. Joe Cyran

Name: TSgt. Diane Sullivan

Unit: 914th LRS - Supply

Time in service: 14 years

Favorite hobby: Watching Yankee baseball.

Ideal vacation: Trip around the world.

Favorite food: All food.

Favorite music: Anything but country.

This would make my day: Thunder and lightning storm.

Personal goal: Get private pilots license.

If I had more free time: Travel or return to school for my Masters degree.

Favorite sport: Baseball.

Preferred entertainment: Watch a movie.

If I won \$1 million: To build the house of my dreams.

Pet peeve: People who don't take pride in everything they do.

Favorite athlete: Derek Jeter.

Medical squadron/aerospace medicine squadron with generation mission – 932nd AMDS, Scott AFB, Ill.;

Aeromedical staging squadron (250- and 150-bed) – 459th ASTS, Andrews AFB;

Reserve medical quality initiative – 445th ASTS, Wright-Patterson AFB;

Reserve Officers Association Outstanding Medical Unit – 433rd MDS, Lackland AFB; and

Lt. Gen. George E. Schafer Trophy – 911th AES, Pittsburgh IAPARS.



Complaint Numbers

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Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline: (716) 236-3361



The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be returning to the Niagara Falls ARS for the first time since 1998 to perform at the "Thunder of Niagara" Air Show that will be held on 28-29 Aug 04. Not only will you see the Blue Angels' famous F-18 jets soaring through the sky, but also, you will see the Blue Angels' C-130 JATO (jet assistant take off) aircraft called "Fat Albert".

In addition to the Blue Angels, you will see the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump team. The Red Baron Pizza bi-plane Squadron, Geico Skytypers and Army Aviation Heritage Foundation's Sky Soldiers will be performing here at Niagara for the first time. The Sky Soldiers is comprised of 10 various types of Army aircraft and will perform a salute to all Vietnam Veterans. Along with the above acts, racing down the runway at speeds well over 300 mph is the AFRC Above and Beyond Jet Car. "All airshow acts are not federally endorsed".

On the ground, there will be many various corporate sponsors and nonprofit organization displays along with food and souvenir stands. For those who are adventurous, we will have flight simulators and military themed bounce houses and rock climbing walls. Of course, there will be a wide variety of airplanes on display such as the C-5 Galaxy, B-52 Bomber, and many other various fighter aircraft. The Air Show committee is still obtaining many other military performers and static aircraft, so for more information, please check out: www.niagaraairshow.com.

Gates open at 9:00 am both days, so come early to avoid the traffic. Please no coolers, pets, bicycles or roller blades. We hope to see you there.

Congrats to the Falcon Club!

The staff at the Falcon Club received a certificate of appreciation from the 98th Army Division for their outstanding efforts in hosting Troop Feeding for them back in June. The club fed over 175 transportation personnel, 300 meals per day throughout the month. Services would like to thank everyone who helped out in hosting this training class. The 98th Division is looking forward to having the transportation class here on the base sometime next year.

The NYC Shopping Trip

On 16 July 04, IT&T conducted a 24 hour NYC Shopping Trip for 47 base personnel. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and they were able to see the sights such as Rockefeller Center, Times Square, the MET, shopping and more. The trip was a success. Who knows, a possible second trip could be in the works for December.

Services Employee of the Month! Denise Yates



Denise Yates has been selected by Robert Betsch Chief of Services as "August's Services Spotlight Employee" for her support in hosting the 98th Army Division. The 98th Army Division conducted transportation classes for approximately 175 students throughout the month of June. Ms. Yates worked long hours in supporting troop feeding for all of these students. In addition, she served as the assistant to Mr. Bobby Anderson, the Falcon Club head chef with all facets of the food service operation. We would like to thank her along with all of the Services staff for their efforts with the 98th Division.

Position title: Head cook of the Flightline Diner

How long have you been working for Services?: 24 yrs

What is your favorite part of your job?: Serving my customers, they are like my family.

Favorite Hobby: Spending time with my 3yr old son and my boyfriend.

Favorite TV shows: Sopranos, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Monday Night Raw, and Smack Down.

What summer activities do you enjoy: Going to the parks and amusement parks with my son, Antonio.

Favorite quote: "Can you dig it, sucka!" - Booker T

Bosses Day

On 26 Aug 04, the 914th AW will be hosting Bosses Day. Treat your boss to a ride on a C-130 airplane, Chiavetta's BBQ, and a mini-airshow. Applications are available through PA or at the Base Fitness Center. Please turn in your application along with a \$12.00 fee per person attending to the Base Fitness Center. The deadline to sign up is 16 Aug 04.

30th Annual Guard Reserve Golf Tournament

On 15 July 04, the 30th Guard / Reserve Golf Tournament was played in the memory of Mark Peunic at Oak Run Golf Club. Mark was one of the original organizers of this event. During the thirty years of this tournament, Mark was one of the few who never missed a tee time. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him and we were proud to have played this year's tournament in his memory.

The 121 golfers who participated had to battle tough weather conditions as well as the golf course. All persevered and had a good time. This year's format was scramble. The combined score of the top three teams from each unit determined the winning unit. Results are listed below:

Winning Unit: 914th Airlift Wing	score 200
107th Air Refueling Wing	score 201

914th Winning Teams

Kevin O'Rourke - Steve Sleva - George Hafford - Dave Reed	64
COL. Roberts - COL. Hart - Paul Watkins - Dick DeWitt	68
Robert Wolf - Phil McCoy - Craig Lymburner - Carl Bellagis	68

Closest to the Pin - Hole #2

Joe Butch - 914th

Closest to the Pin - Hole #18

Paul Rosseland - 914th

Long Drive - Hole #3

Dan Svoda - 914th

Long Drive - Hole #12

Dan Svoda - 914th

Thanks to all who participated! Look for a small tournament in the fall to wrap up the 2004 golf season.